

REMARKS

Entry of this Supplemental Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since there are no new issues raised herein that necessitate a new search, and the Examiner has agreed that these additional changes would likely permit all claims to pass to allowance.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Vicary for courtesies extended during a telephone interviews dated June 24 and June 25, 2009, and again on July 1, 2009, to discuss these final claim amendments and for the Examiner's exemplary efforts to find wording considered appropriate for allowance of this Application. It is noted that the Examiner has worked very diligently with Applicants to arrive at mutually acceptable claim wording.

As best understood, these additional claim clarifications to the independent claims place all claims into condition for allowance.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-9 and 11-16, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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